

PLAYERS ARE BEING PAID, SAYS MANAGER WILKINSON

Leader of St. Martin's Team Will Take Case to Amateur Commission—Commercial League Passes Important Rule.

By C. W. SWAN.

That there will be something doing regarding the alleged paying of amateur ball players by the different managers is the statement of Johnny Wilkinson, of the St. Martin's team in the Independence League.

Manager Wilkinson dropped into this office last night, and, aside from being "bet up" regarding "Dutch" Stuckert, he says he will put a stop to this wholesale paying of players.

"Mr. Stuckert stated that the Willard manager had offered him a \$45 job to play ball with the hotel team. This charge, together with a couple of others in the same strain, I am going to put in writing to Mr. Roakes, president of the Independence League, and he is going to take the matter up with the amateur commission," said Wilkinson last night.

"Not only is the Willard team paying its players," continued the manager of the St. Martin's team, "but there is another team in the same league that is doing the same thing. The Willard team has made offers to two other members of my team, and I am going to file charges accordingly with the commission. Another team in a different league offered one of my players cash to play, and they will hear from me."

"Somebody has got to put a stop to this paying of players, and while it will cause a lot of hard feelings at first, the amateur league public will uphold me in the end," finished Johnny Wilkinson.

No doubt Manager Wilkinson has found out something reliable, or he would not make such an outbreak. Should he prove that the manager of the Willard team is paying his players, which will be a hard thing for him to do for if the Willard team is paying its players, the men are not going to tell the world about it, and the manager is not going to let the commission or any one connected with it get wind of the transactions—the manager of the Willard team will be brought up before the commission.

The playing of Pat Diver by the Eastern team in the Capital City League will more than likely force that league to either stick strictly within the amateur commission rulings or run along by itself. There is very little doubt that the circuit could get along and stay outside the commission should that step be necessary, and it will be interesting to watch the outcome of the next commission meeting.

At a meeting of the Commercial League last night, at the store of R. P. Andrews, the board of managers voted not to allow a player to be transferred after June 8. The deciding vote was cast by President Graf. "Lefty" Cleveland was given entire control of the grounds from the time of play. On July 1, the Havenner team will play the Cardinals in Alexandria, Va. The following dates at River View were accepted, July 5, C & P vs. Havenner; July 22, Andrews vs. Moses; July 29, Andrews vs. Willard.

The managers of all the teams were present, together with President Charles Graf and Umpire "Lefty" Cleveland.

Champion Nescos Come Back.

Something of an electrical display was the game on the Monument Grounds between the first nine of the Potomac Electric Power Company and the National Electrical Supply Company's team, one-time champions of the Commercial League, the National team winning, 15 to 8.

Here's a Good Trip.

The Laurel baseball team is without a game for Saturday, June 10, and would like to hear from some strong team in the District for that date. Will pay full expenses. Phone G. W. Bond, Senate branch 129, between 9 and 10:30 o'clock.

Silver Spring Defeated.

Parkview defeated the Silver Spring team of stars yesterday, 3 to 1. Score: Parkview AB HOAE, Silver Spring AB HOAE.

Southland Wins Out.

Southland defeated Silver Spring yesterday in the Olympia League, 5 to 4. Score: Southland AB HOAE, Silver Spring AB HOAE.

Richard Offers Big Prize.

San Francisco, June 8.—A letter from "Tex" Rickard, who is now in Buenos Ayres, was made public here today. In it Rickard declares he will offer a prize of \$20,000 for Jack Johnson to fight any two men in the world the same afternoon in Buenos Ayres for the world's championship. A rest of fifteen minutes between the two battles is provided for. Rickard said he believes Johnson can do the trick.

Indian Office Loses Again.

Indian Office lost another game in the Marquette League yesterday, Tennallytown defeating them 17 to 5. Score: Tennallytown AB HOAE, Indian Office AB HOAE.

Cornell Nosed Out.

Savage Pumping Station took a fast game from the Cornell Tigers yesterday in the Capital City League, 3 to 2. Score: Savage AB HOAE, Cornell AB HOAE.

Bethany's Blame.

Bethany's defeat in another victory yesterday by Tennallytown was due to a batting rally in the eighth gave Bethany the game. Score: Tennallytown AB HOAE, Bethany AB HOAE.

War and Navy.

War and Navy won the Colored Departmental League by timely hitting, 14 to 6. Score: War and Navy AB HOAE, Colored Departmental League AB HOAE.

Post-office Wins Out.

Both Balser and Ferguson were as wild as March hares in the Departmental League yesterday, but the Post-office player was the best support and won out over Interstate, 17 to 4. Score: Post-office AB HOAE, Interstate AB HOAE.

St. Martin's Easy Winners.

St. Martin's came back strong after its defeat by St. Paul's early in the week and walloped National Union, 9 to 6, in a slugfest match. Score: St. Martin's AB HOAE, National Union AB HOAE.

St. Martin's Wins Out.

The game in the R. R. Y. M. C. A. League yesterday was won by the Southern team, 5 to 4. Score: Southern AB HOAE, R. R. Y. M. C. A. AB HOAE.

Tale Crew Rows.

Gates Ferry, Conn., June 8.—Tackling the four-mile course for the first time this season, the Yale "varsity" eight crewed over the familiar lanes on the Thames just at sunset. Kennedy's coaching was devoted to form and finish rather than speed. He said after his return that no time was taken.

NO-HIT GAME.

Powell Shuts Out G. P. O. Team, Bureau Winning, 11 to 0.

Powell shut out the Government Printing Office team without a hit in a five-inning game.

The Bureau of Engraving laid hit the ball hard and played good inside ball, making hits count for runs. Powell's superb pitching, the fielding of Limerick, and the batting of Clayton were the features. Score:

Bureau	AB	HO	AE	G. P. O.	AB	HO	AE
Daily, W.	5	0	0	Clayton, W.	5	0	0
Limerick, W.	5	0	0	Papine, W.	5	0	0
Lord, W.	5	0	0	O'Connell, W.	5	0	0
Beard, W.	5	0	0	Potterson, W.	5	0	0
Clairton, W.	5	0	0	Flaherty, W.	5	0	0
Campaney, W.	5	0	0	Furniville, W.	5	0	0
James, W.	5	0	0	Kearney, W.	5	0	0
Forney, W.	5	0	0	Herbert, W.	5	0	0
Powell, W.	5	0	0	Murdock, W.	5	0	0
				Combs, W.	5	0	0
Totals	5	0	0	Totals	5	0	0